

## Message Text

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EO 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PFOR, EG, SY, CU

SUBJECT: SYRIAN WARNING TO SHIPS NOT TO ENTER ZONE OF MILITARY  
OPERATIONS

REF: STATE 201971

1. I READ REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (ACTING DIR GEN PELAGHIAS),  
OBSERVING THAT EASTERN CYPRUS WAS WITHIN BANNED ZONE, AND ASKED  
WHETHER GOVT OF CYPRUS HAD ANY INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
SHIPS APPROACHING FAMAGUSTA. APPROACH COUCHED SIMPLY AS AN  
INQUIRY. (IT SEEMED WORTHWHILE TO REMIND CYPRIOTS THIS WAY  
THAT THEIR ARAB FRIENDS DID NOT ALWAYS TAKE CYPRUS INTERESTS  
INTO ACCOUNT.)

2. PELAGHIAS ASKED FOR TEXT. SEVERAL HOURS LATER, FOREIGN  
MINISTER TOLD ME THAT HE HAD CALLED IN SYRIAN CHARGE, ASKED  
FOR EXPLANATION AND SAID THAT SUCH PROCLAMATION CONCERNING  
WATERS AROUND CYPRUS WAS UNACCEPTABLE. SYRIAN CHARGE  
UNINFORMED, PROMISED TO QUERY DAMASCUS.

3. IT OCCURS TO US THAT, ASSUMING TEXT AS RECEIVED PROVES  
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CORRECT, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TRY A SIMILAR APPROACH ON

TURKS AND LEBANESE.  
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